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COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES

RE: Draft Parameters and Guidelines

Voter Identification Procedures (03-TC-23) County of San Bernardino, Claimant Statutes of 2000, Chapter 260 Elections Code Section 14310

Dear Ms. Higashi:

This letter is being submitted in response to the Draft Parameters and Guidelines for the Voter Identification Procedures program issued by the staff of Commission on State Mandates. The County of San Bernardino is requesting an extension of time for filing its comments and/or modifications to the draft parameters and guidelines (P & G's).

The deadline to submit our comments and/or modifications is October 31, 2006. Our office is currently working with the County Registrar of Voters to develop a reasonable reimbursement methodology (RRM), and/or unit cost method for this program.

There is an Election Day on November 7, 2006. Our county would like to use the activities of this election as a basis for developing the RRM and/or unit cost method for the Voter Identification Procedures. An extension of the response deadline will give us sufficient time to complete development of the study, allow for an adequate case sampling, compile the results in the proposed P & G's, and submit them for the Commission's review. San Bernardino County is requesting an extension of time, to **November 30, 2006**, for submitting its comments and/or modifications to the draft P & G's for Voter Identification Procedures.

Your approval of this request will be greatly appreciated. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (909) 386-8850.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Ter Keurst

Reimbursable Projects Section Manager